

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

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| (1) DEPARTMENT Public Works | (2) MEETING DATE 8/12/2014 | (3) CONTACT/PHONE Carolyn K. Berg, Water Resources Staff Engineer (805) 781-5536 | |
| (4) SUBJECT Submittal of resolutions approving the 2014 San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan (Clerk's File) and find that the project is exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA). All Districts. | | | |
| (5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acting as the Board of Supervisors for the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), approve the attached resolution adopting the 2014 San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan and find that the Project is exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA). 2. Acting as the Board of Supervisors for San Luis Obispo County, approve the attached resolution adopting the 2014 San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan and find that the Project is exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA). | | | |
| (6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A | (7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A | (8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A | (9) BUDGETED? Yes |
| (10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { } Consent { } Presentation {X} Hearing (Time Est. <u>60 min.</u>) { } Board Business (Time Est. <u> </u>) | | | |
| (11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS {X} Resolutions { } Contracts { } Ordinances { } N/A | | | |
| (12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A | | (13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A { } 4/5 Vote Required {X} N/A | |
| (14) LOCATION MAP N/A | (15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No | (16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { } N/A Date: 3/11/14; #9 | |
| (17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i> | | | |
| (18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts | | | |

Reference: 14AUG12-H-1

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Carolyn K. Berg, Water Resources Staff Engineer

VIA: Dave Flynn, Interim Director of Public Works

DATE: 8/12/2014

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

Integrated Regional Water Management Background

Senate Bill 1672 established the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Act in 2002, intended to promote collaborative, integrated management of water resources. California voters passed a series of propositions, thereby establishing and funding efforts under the State's IRWM Program. These propositions authorized the Legislature to appropriate grant funds for IRWM plans and projects, and to establish eligibility requirements. The IRWM Program is administered by the State's Department of Water Resources (DWR).

As a regional collaboration, local IRWM efforts are conducted under the auspices of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with 23 local agencies, including the Flood Control District, the Cities, the Community Services Districts, the Resource Conservation Districts, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's), who support multiple water resource efforts. The Flood Control District is the

lead agency under the MOU, and collectively, the agencies are referred to as the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG). The District is also responsible for development and implementation of San Luis Obispo County (SLOCo) Region's IRWM Plan (Plan). The Plan was initially developed and adopted by multiple agencies in the county in 2005 and updated in 2007. The following is a table of the grants that have been awarded to the SLOCo Region since the adoption of the initial plan in 2005.

| Grant Funding Source | Funded Projects | Grant Funding Allocation | Year Awarded |
|---|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Prop 50 Planning | Four (4) Planning Studies | \$500,000 | 2005 |
| Prop 84 Implementation | Los Osos Wastewater Project Flood Control Zone 1/1A Nipomo Supplemental Water Project | \$10,401,000 | 2011 |
| Prop 1E Implementation | Flood Control Zone 1/1A –Waterway Management Program | \$2,800,000 | 2011 |
| Prop 84 Planning | IRWMP Update Five (5) Planning Studies | \$1,000,000 | 2012 |
| Total IRWM Grant Successes in SLO County IRWM Region | | <u>\$14,701,000</u> | |

To comply with the Proposition 84 2011 Implementation and 2012 Planning Grant Agreements and to meet DWR eligibility requirements, the 2007 IRWM Plan needed to be updated to meet current State standards. In December 2012, the Board approved a contract with GEI Consultants, Inc., to update the IRWM Plan. The plan update is now complete.

Process Requirements

One of the eligibility requirements of the IRWM Program is that an IRWM Plan be formally accepted, as evidenced by a resolution or other written documentation, by the governing bodies of each agency that is part of the RWMG responsible for the development of the Plan and have responsibility for implementation of the Plan (California Water Code Section 10543). Therefore staff recommends that the Board approve the attached resolutions adopting the 2014 San Luis Obispo County IRWM Plan for the Flood Control District and the County. The MOU for the RWMG is attached to the resolutions since the IRWM Plan needs to demonstrate the governance under which the SLOCo regional efforts are conducted.

IRWM Plan Content

The IRWM Plan has been developed in accordance with State standards and with extensive participation from the RWMG, the WRAC and the general public. The IRWM Plan is on file with the Clerk's office, and available at www.slocountywater.org by clicking on the IRWM button. The Executive Summary for the IRWM Plan attached.

Through its governance, goals and objectives and project review process sections, the IRWM Plan provides a united framework among SLOCo Region stakeholders for sustainable water resource management. The IRWM Plan also provides a "one stop shop" for information on the water resources of the county, and related planning and project efforts. The IRWM Plan is intended to be a

“living” document, with the ability to update information and the project list within it as needed. A detailed discussion of IRWM Plan implementation and update efforts are described in Sections J (Plan Implementation and Monitoring) and Q (Plan Implementation and Maintenance Activities).

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The RWMG will be considering approval of the 2014 IRWM Plan during its August 6, 2014 meeting, and staff will provide a verbal update to the Board. Subsequently, each RWMG member agency will consider adoption of the IRWM Plan.

The Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) has scheduled consideration of the IRWM Plan during its August 6, 2014 meeting. Staff will provide a verbal update on the WRAC’s actions to the Board.

Each project proponent named in an IRWM Grant application must also adopt the IRWM Plan to remain eligible for IRWM grant opportunities.

County Counsel has reviewed the Resolutions as to legal form and effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The IRWM Plan update and general IRWM program efforts are funded in the FY 2014-15 Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget Fund (1300000000). The Plan update effort was awarded to GEI, Inc., the total plan update costs through FY 2013-14 of \$895,200. The grant fund and other agency funding total \$342,000, therefore a total District cost of \$553,200. The State, the County, Flood Control Zone 1/1A and the Nipomo Community Services District contributed financially to the update of the IRWM Plan.

RESULTS

The Board’s adoption of the IRWM Plan will substantially advance cooperative integrated water resource planning in the region. Approval of the recommended action will meet one of the eligibility requirements for the District and the County to receive IRWM grant funds. Therefore, approving the Resolutions and recommendations will contribute to a safe, healthy, livable, prosperous and well-governed community.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Adopting the 2014 San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and find that the Project is exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA) (Flood Control District)
2. Resolution Adopting the 2014 San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and find that the Project is exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA) (County of San Luis Obispo)
3. San Luis Obispo County 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Executive Summary
4. San Luis Obispo County 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
5. Notice of Exemptions (CEQA)